

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2023 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, J. Peel, P. Brown, P. Blatchford, M. Pryce, A. Garner

D.Cllr: None

C.Cllr: T. Taylor (later)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were no members of the public attending.

01/0423: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A. Bing, D.Cllr G. Bowers

02/0423 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0423: OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of public attended.

04/0423: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH OF MARCH 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of March were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0423:

COUNTY COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Planning matters were the main topic of discussion detailed further below.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

We have been advised that D.Cllr Bowers will not be standing for election in May in our ward.

06/0423: CRIME & POLICING

No crime figures were received from the Police, according to their website for February 9 crimes were reported in Ranskill, 3 for public order, 2 burglary, 2 vehicle crime and 2 other.

07/0423: HIGHWAYS and TRAFFIC

- a. Double yellow lines are to be installed around the junction of Station Road and Station Avenue to aid the reversing of the bus service at this turning point.
- b. Complaint received from a resident regarding increasing HGV volumes on Blyth Road. Cllrs agreed that this observation is correct. Our C.Cllr pointed out that it is not possible to adopt a vehicle weight limit or install speed humps etc as this road is an emergency route should the A1 be closed. Cllrs requested that Highways through our C.Cllr request that road narrows or S bend signs be installed prior to the bend in Blyth Road near the traffic lights and that a further study of vehicle volumes be undertaken by NCC highways as soon as possible. The Clerk will write to C.Cllr Taylor in this respect and respond to the resident.
- c. A joint Speedwatch operation with Scrooby residents was considered a good idea and Cllrs Pryce and Peel together with a resident Mrs C Howard volunteered to be part of our team. There has been no response from residents to our advertising for volunteers.

08/0423: FINANCE

a. Bank balances as at the 31st March were: -

Current - £100.00

Reserve - £52,643.12, including ring fenced funds of £7,861.

b. Update on CIL grant funding

The funds of £45,636.23 from BDC have now been received in early April.

c. Annual insurance renewal with Zurich. An offer has been made by Zurich for a Long Term Agreement giving a 6.9% discount on premiums for the next 3 years. Cllrs thought that was too restrictive and instructed the Clerk to renew with no LTA on a one year basis.

09/0423: PLANNING

a. Consider new planning applications received by 12th March 2023.

23/00382/HSE - Kaanjo, Great North Road, resubmission of 22/01471/HSE previously refused. An alteration to one storey has been made, but the footprint remains the same, with a high pitched roof. A neighbour has already submitted an objection on the grounds that the proposed development remains 8 to 10 meters from their rear elevation, when the gap should be 21 meters and there will be a significant obstruction of light. Cllrs took a unanimous view that the PC will also object on this basis.

23/00123/FUL - Lakeland House Farm, siting of 50 touring caravans and a detached dwelling. Cllrs object to this application and the Clerk will coordinate with the Clerk at Mattersey.

b. HIVE ENERGY – Pulverised Ash Application - Our C.Cllr summarised the planning objections from surrounding villages. Our objection will be based on the increase in HGV traffic on the A638 through the village. The Clerk will liaise with the Chair to compile our objection.

10/0423: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

a. Relocation of the Parish sign on Great North Road.

C.Cllr Taylor will now pursue our request with the new District Manager.

11/0423: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

a. Consider items relating to the village environment.

- Playground safety: The March report has been received with no issues.

b. Grant Funding for the playground

No new developments to report.

c. Update on new tree planting

The tree project is finished and the Clerk has applied to LCF for the balance of the grant being £750 outstanding.

d. Complaint from a resident on Blyth Road regarding drain and gutter clearance.

Cllrs noted that many drains in the village are blocked and gulleys are full of silt. Our C.Cllr stated that highways have a 2 year cycle for road sweeper operation. It is encouraged that residents report blocked drains using the mynotts and will send details how to implement this app. In the meantime, the Clerk will get in touch directly with NCC Highways to pursue road sweeping and advise the resident accordingly.

e. Removal of a dead hawthorn tree in the playground.

Cllrs agreed to the price of £400 from North stated Notts and advise the school accordingly.

f. New Planters

The PC has been offered new planters by Lound, Cllrs felt that the village had sufficient.

12/0423: UPDATE ON THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference have been submitted to TPC, we await their response.

13/0423: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Registration of land. The solicitors continue to undertake correct registration of PC land. So far, the Park, the car park on Station Avenue and the open space at Lowfield Close are ready to be registered. Cllrs agreed to pay the fee of £381 to cover all three matters. Remaining outstanding and ongoing are the Bowls Club, the Cemetery, the footpath alongside the railway line and the old person's shelter.

14/0423: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

None

15/0423: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm Wednesday 10th May 2023 Annual Parish Meeting and 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting.

COUNCILOR PATRICIA BLATCHFORD: After many years of service to the Parish Council, Pat has decided not to stand for re-election. The Parish Council wish to put on record our thanks for her long service, local knowledge and appreciation of how much the village has benefited from her service to the community. We hope we can consult with her in the future, we will miss her incisive interventions.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson